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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted for the Examiner's consideration. This is being filed after a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, whichever occurs first, but before, or simultaneously with, the payment of the issue fee.

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In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) accompanying this paper is a certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). Applicant(s) hereby petition for the consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,
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